

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

2022 Diocesan Convention

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN LITURGIST

The Diocesan Liturgist's mission is to support the bishop in her role as the chief liturgical officer for the diocese. To that end, the Diocesan Liturgist seeks to be a coordinator between the bishop and those involved in various worship experiences. The Liturgist gathers input from those involved, presenting it to the bishop for her review/amendment/approval. Once that process is complete, the final form of these events takes shape.

Some of the diocesan events, since the last report, were unique to our common life, while others took place this past year following a hiatus due to the pandemic. Still others, like ordinations, are indicative of the ongoing, vibrancy of diocesan life.

As proof of our ongoing life together, and as a sign of the health of our diocese, seven ordinations have taken place since this time last year. Three of the ordinations were to the priesthood, while four were to the diaconate.

On June 11th of this year, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, presided over a festive eucharist at the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg. Development of the core of that worship experience marked one of the very unique tasks that were undertaken in the past year.

Diocesan clergy convened for their annual Clergy Conference in Lancaster in May of this year. A service of Morning Prayer was developed for that occasion.

An unusual event for which worship materials were prepared was the de-consecration liturgy for Christ Church, York Springs, which took place on September 30th. This was the first such occasion in my tenure for which such materials were developed.

Finally, quarterly reports were generated for the Council of Trustees meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Gene R. Tucker
Diocesan Liturgist